

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 16-26, 30-40 and 44-77 are pending in this application. Applicant has cancelled dependent claims 13-15, 27-29 and 41-43, and has added new claims 44-77. Finally, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 16 and 30, and dependent claims 2-5, 10, 12, 17-19, 24, 31-33 and 37-38. The abstract has been amended in view of the amendments to the claims. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 14-15, 28-29 and 42-43 recite allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 16 and 30 to correspond to original claims 14, 28 and 42 as rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended dependent claims 2-5, 10, 12, 17-19, 24, 31-33 and 37-38 to conform to the amended independent claims. Claims 2, 16 and 37 are amended further to correct minor typographical errors.

Furthermore, Applicant has added new claims 44-77 with independent claims 44, 56 and 67 corresponding to original claims 15, 29 and 43, as rewritten in independent form. New dependent claims 45-55, 57-66 and 68-77 correspond generally to original claims 2-12, 17-26 and 31-40.

Finally, Applicant has cancelled dependent claims 13-15, 27-29 and 41-43.

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1-12, 16-26, 30-40 and 44-77 since these claims recite subject matter recognized as allowable by the Examiner.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Dieterman and Fleming Rejections

These rejections are obviated by the amendment to the claims described above.

Thus, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1-12, 16-26, 30-40 and 44-77.